

The Commonwealth

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AT CHILDHOOD'S OLD HOME.

FOUR DAYS IN HARNETT AND ABOUT.

The editor of THE COMMONWEALTH spent four days on a trip to Harnett since the printing of last issue.

The first day out was uneventful with such unpleasant incidents of travel that the other days had to be packed pretty full of better things in order to even up. But things evened up all right and we came out fortunate at last.

A wreck on the Seaboard road delayed us so long that we would not have made connection for the Raleigh and Southport railroad had there not been some kindred trouble on that road. We arrived at Raleigh quite late to make the regular connection, but some disabled engines kept us waiting until nearly 11 o'clock at night, and we reached our destination, Chalybeate Springs, about five hours late, namely, 12:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

Through the kindness of Mr. D. H. Senter, at Chalybeate, we were well cared for, and in the early forenoon arrived at the site of the old Lockamy school house, now Christian Light church. It was here we spent our first day at school when a boy about six years old. There was scarcely a thing that bore a familiar look except the white sand in the road and the oak trees around whose roots and in whose shade we ran and shouted in school boy glee during recess hour and the midday "play time." A score of years writes a great difference and stamps a great change on trees and fields and faces.

The occasion that took us to the place was a Sunday-school celebration, participated in by Christian Light Sunday-school and several other neighboring schools which had been invited. Hundreds of people came together to enjoy the occasion, but in all that throng there were more strange faces than familiar ones. Since our childhood days and the last visit to the place verily a new generation hath arisen; and this fact made the hand-grip and the greeting of childhood's companions more cordial and more joyous.

Language is too poor to furnish description of one's feelings on such occasion as this. In one short hour the stretch of years is lived over again, and the feelings that well up must be suppressed.

The day's exercises consisted of singing by a class trained for the occasion, short talks by the representatives of the various schools present and a big and bounteous dinner on the ground for all. Together with a number of others, the writer made some remarks regarding the great work of Sunday-schools, and the enthusiasm which characterized the speeches indicated the live interest which the people of that part of Harnett feel in the work.

The singing was without instrument of any kind. Just the sweet, earnest voices of the girls and boys, young women and young men made music enough without instrument.

Ah, the changes that have come since the days when the old "Blue Back" speller was the only book that two thirds of the school children studied for the first year or two of school life. And be it said to the credit and good sense of the school teachers there now, they still use the old "Blue Back" some. It ought never to be abandoned entirely.

To call one name and not mention all who participated in the day's exercises would be unfair to those left out; so we must be content to say that it was a great day and one that the Sunday-school folks and the people generally of that community will long remember as a glad day indeed.

HARNETT COUNTY'S DEVELOPMENT.

Perhaps no county in North Carolina has made better development during the past ten years than Harnett, and it is certainly true that no people deserve it more, for the people of Harnett are amongst the best in the land. For half a century they have been cut off from many of the better advantages enjoyed by the people of many other counties, but a new impulse has touched the county and a new spirit actuates the people and they are rapidly developing in intelligence and material prosperity.

Educational interests in the county have been greatly quickened during the past ten years, and the Durham and Southern railroad from Cary to Dunn, and the Raleigh and Southport from Raleigh to Fayetteville, are a mighty force and influence for the development of the county. Timber lands have greatly increased in value and many persons whose timber was almost worthless before the coming of the railroads, now realize handsome incomes from it. And through all these influences Harnett promises well to be among the first counties in the State. There are yet no large towns in the county, Dunn being the largest, but at

the present rate of development the county will soon be dotted with prosperous towns and villages.

VERY FINE SPRINGS.

We spent a short while at Chalybeate Springs around which we played as a school-boy, but the children did not think it's water good. Now it is regarded as among the best mineral waters at all, and it is becoming a popular resort.

We spent a night at Fubay Springs in Wake county at the junction of the Durham and Northern and the Raleigh and Southport railroads. These springs have long been regarded as fine. Even before the war people resorted there for the water, and we were told that the little stone curbing around the spring is the same that was placed there before the war. This place is so popular the boarding houses are barely able to accommodate all who go. Fare is good at the boarding houses, but one is disappointed at the little improvement about the spring. There seems to be little pride taken in the appearance of the grounds. By nature it is a pretty place, but there has not been much done to help nature's own work. It is said that this state of affairs is due to the fact that the true ownership of the property is in question, and that soon it is to be settled and then the grounds will be beautified and be made more attractive. Without doubt the water is fine.

POOR TRAIN SCHEDULES.

Almost every train on the railroads is late, and this is especially true of the Seaboard Air Line. It is quite a common thing for the trains on this road to be two or three hours late and one often can't come from Raleigh to Scotland Neck the same day. It looks like a great railroad system could remedy these matters which cause the public so much inconvenience.

By reason of a belated train on our return Monday we had to spend the night at Weldon, but at Mrs. Wilkins' boarding house we were comfortably quartered and well provided for.

We talked to say above that the little town of Apex, about fifteen miles from Raleigh, is making rapid strides in development. The tobacco industry has just been greatly encouraged by the opening of a good tobacco market there, and the town now has the best throb in business it has ever had.

It gives us pleasure to say that we met a fine young lawyer from a flourishing town in Piedmont Carolina who said that if he had to select a small town in North Carolina for his home, his first choice would be Scotland Neck.

KILLED AT HIS DESK.

FORMER RESIDENT OF SCOTLAND NECK MYSTERIOUSLY SHOT.

The following special from Rocky Mount to the News and Observer Sept. 1, will interest the readers of THE COMMONWEALTH. It tells of the mysterious shooting of Mr. Hyman, a former resident of Scotland Neck:

"Rocky Mount, N. C., Sept. 1.—This morning at 2:15 Mr. A. P. Hyman, book-keeper for Matthews, Weeks & Co., while sitting on a high stool in the office at work was shot from the outside of the building by unknown parties. The ball came through an open window and struck Mr. Hyman in the right side, evidently ranging downward in the region of the heart. He only lived a short while after being shot. Two night policemen, fifty yards away, heard the report of the pistol. They hurried to the spot, went into the office and found Mr. Hyman in a dying condition.

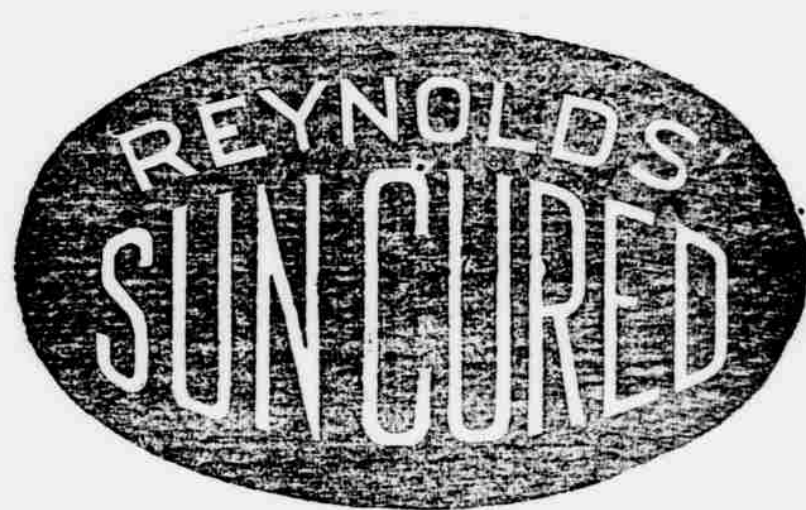
"There is a division of opinion as to how Mr. Hyman was shot, some think that he was shot by some party standing on the ground outside the window, but the theory adopted by the police, is that he was shot from the top of a moving freight train going North at that hour. As many as four or five men were seen by the police on the top of the train. Telegrams were sent to all stations up the line to Weldon to look out for suspicious parties, but nothing has been heard.

"Mr. Hyman recently came here from Tarboro to take a position with the Rocky Mount ice factory, but was employed for a few days by Matthews, Weeks & Co. It is not known why he was working on the books at such a late hour, except that he expected his two boys from Tarboro to visit him tonight, and wanted to get his books up to be with his boys; and again it being the first of the month he had a good deal of work to balance the books.

"Mr. Hyman was a well known man of high character and integrity. His home for several years was in Tarboro. He left Tarboro some years ago, went to Scotland Neck and engaged in the hardware business. He came back to Tarboro four years ago, where he lived until he came to Rocky Mount a few weeks ago. He was about 50 years of age, and was a Mason of high standing. There was no inquest. The body was prepared for interment early this morning and taken to Tarboro on the shoofly."

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The fifteen year old boy or girl can see the good work of the association, the farmer feels the good it has done for him, the business man of your county will tell you he has never before enjoyed such business prosperity, he will tell you that the Association has added to the spending money the past eighteen months fully \$700,000. This amount of money has found its way to the pocket of the banker, merchant, mechanic, doctor, preacher, lawyer and day laborer. Each has had his proportion and each one is indebted to the Cotton Association for the prosperous times we have had.

There is now on a very great fight which means destruction to our present prosperous condition. The speculators are drying down the price of cotton day after day, they seem bent on taking the next crop from us at 8 cents or less.

What will Halifax county do to drive the speculators off of our prosperous and happy South? We want a full attendance at every township club, want every man in the township to join in the fight against the speculators. This is not a farmers' meeting or fight, it is a matter that appeals to every citizen who lives in Halifax county; therefore, let every one take part and denounce the robbing speculator who would drive you to poverty and want.

We want to price our cotton, we do not want the speculator to name the price. Everybody should think of the distress low priced cotton will bring. "A word to the wise should be sufficient."

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Notice.

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The Metropolitan Trust Company of the City of New York.

The North Carolina Lumber Company and W. A. Leary, W. H. S. Burgwyn and E. L. Travis, Receivers of The North Carolina Lumber Company.

The American Box Company, McDowell & Rhodes, and others.

By virtue of an order made in the above entitled consolidated cases on the 20th day of July, 1906, I hereby give notice to all creditors of The North Carolina Lumber Company that they may file their claims and demands against the said Company before me at my office in Raleigh, North Carolina, on or before the 15th day of October, 1906.

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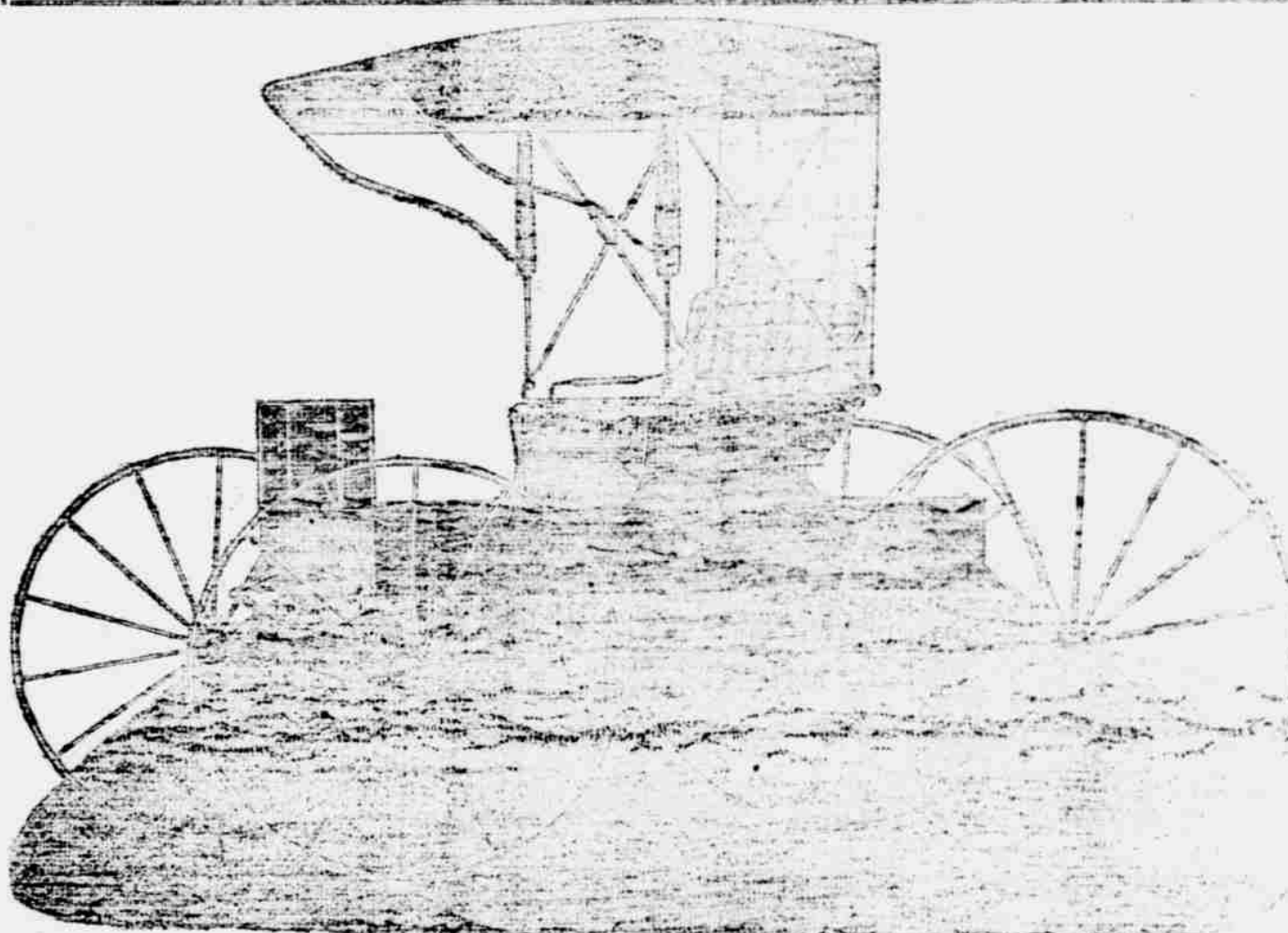
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By virtue of power vested in me by a certain mortgage, executed to me on the 18th day of May, 1905, by G. S. Robertson and wife, A. C. Robertson, and duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax county in Book 169 at page 232, to which reference is made, I will on the 25th day of September 1906, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder in the town of Scotland Neck, State of North Carolina, the following described real estate, lying in said town of Scotland Neck, county of Halifax and State of North Carolina, bounded and described as follows:

That lot of land in "East Scotland Neck" beginning at a stake on Elm street, according to the map of said town, to which reference is hereby made, at a point 132 feet in a northerly direction from Ninth street, thence up Elm street in a northerly direction 65 feet, thence at right angles in an easterly direction 90 feet, thence at right angles in a southerly direction 65 feet thence at right angles in a westerly direction 90 feet to the beginning, said lot being the rear portion of what is known as the "Dudley Bryant lot," 65 feet by 90 feet, and also being the same lot or parcel of land that was conveyed to the said G. S. Robertson by A. McDowell and wife and others on the 17th day of May, 1905.

This 25th day of August, 1906. ADRIE R. ROBERTSON, Mortgagee. KITCHIN, SMITH & KITCHIN, Attys. 8-30-11

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By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust of and to the office of the Register of Deeds for Halifax county, N. C., in Book 169 at page 368 and executed to me by the said Station, for the benefit of the said Station, I will on the 19th day of September 1906, sell for cash at public auction in the town of Hobgood, N. C., the following dry goods, shoes, groceries, etc., and to me in the above mentioned deed of trust. The said goods, shoes, groceries, etc., are to be sold as a whole. The purchaser serves the right to sell the same at any time before the above date at a rate sale. Notice of my said public sale will be duly published in the paper.

This the 29th day of August 1906. SAM A. DUNN, Auctioneer. 8-30-11